

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 18-23 as follows:

18. A map display method for displaying a map of a destination position, the method comprising:
 - entering a latitude and longitude of said destination position into a map display terminal;
 - displaying initially a wide area map of an area having a smaller value of a scale ratio than an expanded and more detailed map of said area; and
 - centering map displays on said destination position.
19. A map display method as set forth in claim 18, the method further comprising:
 - expanding map displays of said wide area map in a step-by-step manner until said expanded and more detailed map is displayed.
20. A map display method as set forth in claim 19, the method further comprising:
 - downloading map display information of said expanded and more detailed map from a server.
21. A map display method as set forth in claim 20, the method further comprising:
 - communicating between said map display terminal and said server through a portable radio telephone network.

22. A map display method as set forth in claim 21, wherein expanding each said map display of said wide area map in a step-by-step manner depends upon progress of said downloading of said expanded and more detailed map information.

23. A map display method as set forth in claim 22, wherein the expanding of said map displays of said wide area map includes determining an expansion ratio for each display stage on the basis of a ratio of scale values of said wide area map and said expanded and more detailed map, and a number of display stages.